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Thursday, June 8, 2023

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joann Ariola
Alexa Avilés
Diana I. Ayala
Charles Barron
Joseph C. Borelli
Erik D. Bottcher
Justin L. Brannan
Gale A. Brewer
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
Tiffany Cabán
David M. Carr
Carmen N. De La Rosa
Eric Dinowitz
Amanda Farias
Oswald Feliz
James F. Gennaro
Jennifer Gutiérrez
Shahana K. Hanif

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COUNCIL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Kamillah Hanks
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Kristin Richardson Jordan
Rita C. Joseph
Ari Kagan
Shekar Krishnan
Linda Lee
Farah N. Louis
Christopher Marte
Darlene Mealy
Julie Menin
Francisco P. Moya
Mercedes Narcisse
Sandy Nurse
Chi A. Ossé
Vickie Paladino
Keith Powers
Lincoln Restler
Kevin C. Riley
Carlina Rivera
Rafael Salamanca, Jr
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Lynn C. Schulman
Althea V. Stevens
Sandra Ung
Marjorie Velázquez
Inna Vernikov
Nantasha M. Williams
Julie Won
Kalman Yeger

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A P P E A R A N C E S
[NONE]

2 SERGEANT POLITE: Testing, one, two. Today is
3 June 8, 2023. This is the Stated Meeting located in
4 Chambers, and it is being recorded by Keith Polite.

5 CITY CLERK: Ladies and gentleman, can I have your
6 attention at this time? Quiet on the floor, please!

7 At this time please place all electronic devices
8 to vibrate or silent mode.

9 Mr. Majority Leader?

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS:

11 [GAVELING IN] [GAVEL SOUND]

12 Good afternoon, and welcome to the Stated Meeting
13 of June 8, 2023. I am Majority Leader Keith Powers,
14 and I would like to thank everyone for joining us
15 here today. If you would like to follow along, the
16 agenda for today's meeting is posted on the website.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Please join us for the pledge of
18 allegiance.

19 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

20 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Roll call.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Here.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presente

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Barron?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Here

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brannon?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Carr?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Present

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Fariás?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presente

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Holden?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Kagan?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Present

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Lee?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Louis?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Marte?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Menin?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Present

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Moya?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Here

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Present

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Restler?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Present

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Richardson Jordan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: (NO AUDIBLE
22 RESPONSE)

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Riley?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: (ABSENT)

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Lee?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ung?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Velázquez?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Here

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Here

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Williams?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Won?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Aye

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Speaker Adams?

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: I am present.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We do not have
8 an invocation today, so we will now have the Adoption
9 of the Minutes by Council Member Joann Ariola.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I make a Motion that the
11 Minutes of the Stated Meeting of May 11, 2023 be
12 adopted as printed by the Council.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

14 Messages and Papers from the Mayor?

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M 158 through
16 Preconsidered M 160, Mayoral Home Rules?

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: State and Federal Legislation.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Communications from City,
19 County, and Borough offices?

20 COUNCIL CLERK: M 161, Richmond County Democratic
21 Commissioner of Elections.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered, Printed and
23 Filed.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Petitions and
25 Communications?

2 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

3 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Land Use Call-Ups?

4 COUNCIL CLERK: M 162, 43rd Avenue Demapping?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on Call-Up Vote.

6 I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote on
7 today's Land Use call-up items.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Barron?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission to vote on all
22 items coupled on today's General Orders Calendar?

23 Aye.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I'll let you go.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye. Thank you.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brannon?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Carr?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Farías?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Holden?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Kagan?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Lee?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Louis?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Marte?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Menin?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Moya?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

3 Council Member Narcisse?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Restler?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Richardson

14 Jordon?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: (NO AUDIBLE

16 RESPONSE)

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Riley?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: (ABSENT)

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

2 Council Member Schulman?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ung?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Velázquez?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Aye

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vernikov?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Williams?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Won?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Adams?

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Today's Land Use Call-Ups
3 are adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative and
4 zero in the negative.

5 We will now have Communication from Speaker
6 Adrienne Adams.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader.

8 Good afternoon, everyone. I hope you and your
9 families stay safe as we experience hazardous air
10 quality due to the wild fires in Canada.

11 I want to begin by urging all New Yorkers to take
12 this air quality health advisory very seriously, and
13 follow the guidance of our public health officials.
14 That means New Yorkers should continue to limit
15 outdoor activities, and stay inside whenever possible
16 with windows closed, and reducing indoor air
17 pollution. If you must be outside, wear a high
18 quality mask such as an N95 or K95. New Yorkers
19 should also seek to avoid contributing to outdoor air
20 pollution by using mass transit instead of vehicles,
21 limiting energy use, and taking other conservation
22 efforts. As a city, we must ensure that agencies are
23 offering consistent guidance about these health
24 hazards so that New Yorkers are equipped with the
25 information they need to stay safe.

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2 Earlier this week, I traveled down to Washington,
3 D.C. with some of our colleagues in the Council to
4 meet with the New York Congressional Delegation and
5 members of the Biden/Harris Administration. We
6 discussed our request for federal funding, support,
7 and partnership to help meet the needs of people
8 seeking asylum in our country and all New Yorkers.

9 We are very grateful that the day after our
10 productive and fruitful trip to Washington, FEMA
11 announced that it will allocate more than \$104
12 million to New York City to help cover the costs of
13 providing services for asylum seekers. I want to
14 express my gratitude to Senate Majority Leader, Chuck
15 Schumer, House Democratic Leader, Hakeem Jeffries,
16 and all of our federal partners for helping to secure
17 that critical funding, which represented the largest
18 share received of any city in the country.

19 We know our city requires even more funding and
20 support, and we will continue working in partnership
21 with the Congressional Delegation and the Biden
22 Administration to secure more for our city.

23 The continued death and violence at Rikers has
24 been deeply disturbing, and we mourn the recent death
25 of Joshua Valles. The tragic circumstances

1 surrounding Joshua's death, and other disturbing
2 incidents of violence at Rikers, are problematic and
3 further exacerbated by the Department of Correction's
4 repeated failures to accurately report the incidents
5 to the Federal Monitor.
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7 Even more outrageous and unacceptable has been
8 the department's response that it will no longer
9 provide public information about when someone dies in
10 its custody. By choosing to withhold information
11 from the public, the DLC continues its dangerous
12 pattern of disregard for oversight.

13 The DOC cannot continue to operate without being
14 accountable. And it is our role, along with other
15 stakeholders to ensure that this is not the case.

16 I want to take a moment to plug our next New York
17 City Government Hiring Hall to recruit New Yorkers
18 into city agencies. It will take place on Saturday,
19 June 10th, in my borough, at Queens Borough Hall. I
20 urge all New Yorkers who are looking for
21 opportunities to join the City's workforce to stop by
22 and join us.

23 As we begin the month of June, I want to
24 acknowledge some important holidays.
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2 June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month
3 during which we raise public awareness and support
4 for more than six million Americans impacted by brain
5 disorders.

6 June 12th is Loving Day, which marks the
7 anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision Loving
8 versus Virginia, which ended anti-miscegenation laws
9 and allows interracial marriage in the United States.

10 June 14th is Flag Day, when we celebrate the
11 adoption of our national flag back in 1777.

12 Over the past two weeks, the Council hosted an
13 Africa Day Celebration and our Annual Pride
14 Celebration here in the People's House! As we
15 continue to celebrate Pride Month, it is critical
16 that we uplift LGBTQIA+ New Yorkers through policies
17 and investments. And I am proud that some of the
18 legislations we are passing today will do just that.
19 Thank you to all of the council members and caucuses
20 who co-sponsored those events.

21 Next week, the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus
22 will be celebrating African-American Music
23 Appreciation Month and the 50th Anniversary of
24 HipHop. I hope all New Yorkers will join us on June
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2 14th to honor the many legendary artists and giants
3 of our lifetime.

4 And, finally, I want to wish a Happy Belated
5 Birthday to Council Member Shekar Krishnan!

6 [APPLAUSE]

7 And Happy Early Birthday to Council Members
8 Pierina Sanchez and Joann Ariola!

9 [APPLAUSE]

10 Now, colleagues, lets move on to our Stated
11 Agenda.

12 First we will vote on the following Finance
13 items:

14 Introduction 958-A, sponsored by Council Members
15 Justin Brannan and Farah Louis, would merge the
16 Church Avenue and Flatbush Avenue Business
17 Improvement Districts.

18 A Preconsidered Resolution authorizing a discount
19 percentage rate for early payment of property taxes.

20 A Preconsidered Resolution amending a previously
21 granted tax exemption for one building in Council
22 Member Nurse's district.

23 A Preconsidered Resolution amending a previously
24 granted tax exemption for one building in Council
25 Member Richardson Jordan's district.

1 A package of twelve Preconsidered Resolutions to
2 authorize Article XI exemptions for 27 buildings in
3 Deputy Speaker Ayala's and Council Member Richardson
4 Jordan's, Council Member Abreu's, Council Member
5 Feliz's district, Council Member Stevens', and
6 Council Member Salamanca's districts.
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8 A Preconsidered Resolution to authorize an
9 Article XI exemption for one new building in Council
10 Member Salamanca's district.

11 A Preconsidered Resolution to authorize an
12 Article XI exemption for one building in Council
13 Member Velázquez's district.

14 A Preconsidered Resolution to authorize an
15 Article XI exemption for ten buildings in Council
16 Member Feliz's district.

17 A Preconsidered Resolution to authorize an
18 Article XI exemption for six buildings in Council
19 Member Abreu's district.

20 Lastly, we will vote on the following pieces of
21 legislation:

22 First, we will be voting on seven Preconsidered
23 State Legislative Resolutions.

24 Next, Resolution 512, sponsored by Council Member
25 Julie Menin, calls on the New York State Legislature

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2 to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation to
3 create and independent commission to oversee hospital
4 pricing for the purpose of increasing access to
5 hospital services, promoting financial stability for
6 hospitals, and lowering health care costs for New
7 Yorkers.

8 Introduction 844, also sponsored by Council
9 Member Julie Menin, would establish an Office of
10 Health Care Accountability. This office would audit
11 for the expenditures on employee related health care
12 costs, and make recommendations on how to lower these
13 costs. It would also require the City to create an
14 online site to provide information on the costs of
15 hospital procedures, and summarize the cost
16 transparency of each hospital. We thank our Sara
17 Liss and Mahnoor Butt.

18 Next, Introduction 325-A, sponsored by Council
19 Member Justin Brannan, would require the Department
20 of Health and Mental Hygiene, the DOHMH, to maintain
21 a list of hospitals with emergency rooms and
22 pediatric trauma centers in New York City. DOHMH
23 would be required to provide the list to
24 pediatricians practicing in the City, and DOHMH would
25 also be required to mail the list to each address

1 designated for a child's birth certificate. Finally,
2 DOHMH would be required to provide this list to the
3 Department of Education and childcare programs for
4 annual distribution to parents and guardians of
5 children enrolled in childcare programs, 3-K and Pre-
6 K, and grades K through 8.

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8 Introduction 96-A, also by sponsored by Council
9 Member Justin Brannan, would require DOHMH to
10 establish a program providing vision testing and
11 eyeglasses to New Yorkers whose income falls within
12 250 percent of the federal poverty level. This bill
13 would make vision testing and eyeglasses more
14 accessible to low-income New Yorkers, because these
15 services would otherwise be expensive or inaccessible
16 to individuals without vision insurance. Thank you to
17 our staff members Sara Liss, Christopher Pepe, Sara
18 Sucher, and Mahnoor Butt.

19 Next, we will vote on the following bills related
20 to heart and cardiovascular health:

21 Introduction 814-A, sponsored by Council Member
22 Shekar Krishnan, would require DOHMH to issue
23 semiannual reports on the quantities and locations of
24 automated external defibrillators placed in public
25 places. Placing AEDs in public locations has been

2 found to increase out of hospital cardiac arrest
3 survival, improve patient health outcomes, and
4 increase rates of return on a sustained hearth
5 rhythm.

6 Introduction 975-A, sponsored by our Health
7 Committee Chair, Council Member Lynn Schulman, would
8 require DOHMH to make available on its website
9 information on free adult, child, and infant CPR
10 courses available to the public in New York City, and
11 to update such information at least once annually.

12 Introduction 996-A, sponsored by Council Member
13 Mercedes Narcisse, would require DOHMH to post on its
14 website the public places in New York City where
15 blood pressure machines are located, and provide
16 recommendations on locations for such machines in
17 high need areas. DOHMH would also be required to
18 support making at home blood pressure machines
19 available and no cost to the public at federally
20 qualified health centers in five high need areas in
21 the City, and post the locations of such centers on
22 its website. Thank you to our staff members,
23 Christopher Pepe, and Sara Sucher, and Mahnoor Butt.

24 Introduction 831-A, sponsored by Criminal
25 Justice Committee Chair, Council Member Carlina

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2 Rivera, would require the Department of Correction to
3 create a Resource Navigator Program to help connect
4 transgender, gender nonconforming, non-binary and
5 intersex individuals as well as for cisgender women
6 in custody with alternatives to incarceration,
7 transitional, and permanent housing and reentry
8 programs. DOC would also have to submit
9 recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on how
10 to improve diversion and reentry resources for this
11 population. We thank our staff members Jeremy
12 Whiteman and Natalie Meltzer.

13 Introduction 976-A, sponsored by Council Member
14 Althea Stevens, would require The Department of
15 Homeless Services (DHS) and The Department of Youth
16 and Community Development (DYCD) to report on data on
17 the LGBTQ+ homeless population in New York City.
18 Despite the growing population of single, homeless
19 adults, there is a lack of data on LGBTQ+ New Yorkers
20 who are unhoused. To ensure this population is
21 properly served, this bill would direct the City to
22 collect data to help guide policy and ensure equity
23 of treatment. Thank you to our staff member,
24 Christina Yellamaty.

1 Introduction 977-A, also sponsored by Council
2 Member Althea Stevens, would require drop-in centers
3 to participate in a streamlined intake process for
4 runaway and homeless youth to transition into adult
5 shelters. Previously, runaway and homeless youth who
6 aged out or timed out DYCD shelters would stay in
7 assessment intake shelters run by The Department of
8 Homeless Services for up to three weeks until a bed
9 in a DHS facility became available. Many runaway and
10 homeless youth have expressed feeling unsafe in these
11 shelters and have avoided the process. This bill
12 amends the law to include DYCD funded drop-in centers
13 as a third type of originating facility, expanding
14 the ability for runaway and homeless youth to
15 participate in the streamlined intake process, and
16 further increasing access to services. We thank our
17 staff member Christina Yellamaty.

18 Finally, we will be voting on a package of Zero
19 Waste Legislation that will advance our city's
20 efforts to divert organic waste from landfills, fight
21 climate change, and create a greener, more
22 sustainable future for all New Yorkers. Introduction
23 280-A, sponsored by Majority Leader Keith Powers,
24 would require The Department of Sanitation to
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2 establish community recycling centers in every
3 borough to collect materials that are not regularly
4 collected curbside, but which could be recycled or
5 reused. These facilities would be required to be
6 open for a certain number of hours per week, be in
7 close proximity to public transit, and be easily
8 accessible for people with disabilities. Information
9 about each community recycling center, including its
10 address, contact information, and hours of operation
11 would be posted online. This bill also requires DSNY
12 to submit regular reports to the Council on each
13 center. This law would take effect immediately.

14 Introduction 281-A, also sponsored by Majority
15 Leader Keith Powers, would require DSNY to establish
16 a minimum number of organic waste drop-off sites
17 citywide and in each borough. These sites would be
18 required to be open for a certain number of hours per
19 week, be near public transit, and be easily
20 accessible for people with disabilities. Information
21 about each drop-off site including its address,
22 contact information, and hours of operation would be
23 posted online. Finally, the bill would require
24 outreach and regular reports to the Council. This
25 law would take effect immediately.

1 Introduction 274-A, sponsored by Sanitation
2 Committee Chair, Council Member Sandy Nurse, would
3 codify in law a goal of zero divertible waste for New
4 York City by 2030. The Department of Sanitation
5 would be required to report if this goal cannot be
6 met.
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8 Introduction 275-A, also sponsored by Council
9 Member Sandy Nurse, would require the Department of
10 Sanitation to report on their efforts to increase
11 diversion rates as they work towards the goal of zero
12 waste. The report must include information on
13 specific materials and their recyclability as well as
14 efforts to recycle or reuse materials collected
15 through public litter baskets and other sources.
16 This law would take effect immediately.

17 Introduction 244-A, sponsored by Council Member
18 Shahana Hanif, and me [Speaker Adams], would
19 establish a permanent citywide residential curbside
20 collection program to divert organic waste.
21 Approximately one-third of all residential waste is
22 organic material that can be composted. Currently,
23 most of it is not separately collected, so it ends up
24 in landfills. This program would require residents
25 to separate both yard waste and organic waste such as

1 food scraps. The Department of Sanitation would then
2 collect this organic waste weekly, alongside other
3 regular curbside collections. This legislation
4 requires the program to be phased in over a brief
5 period and for DSNY for to conduct public outreach to
6 residents, building owners, and maintenance staff.
7 This bill goes into effect immediately. We thank our
8 staff members Kristoffer Sartori, Ricky Chawla, Brad
9 Reid, Audrey Son, and Morganne Barrett.
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11 I thank you for your attention, and, now, I turn
12 it back over to Majority Leader Powers.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Speaker Adams,
14 we are now going to move into the Discussion of
15 General Orders.

16 We will first hear from Council Member Menin,
17 followed by Council Member Nurse.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Thank you so much.

19 So, I am thrilled today that the City Council is
20 going to pass my bill, The Health Care Accountability
21 and Consumer Protection Act, which will make New York
22 City the first city in the country to create a
23 Health Care Accountability Office. This new office
24 is going to list the prices of medical procedures by
25 hospital, and it will increase transparency for

1 patients, and make recommendations on how we can
2 lower our health care costs. Currently, for example,
3 a C-section in New York City can cost \$55,000 at
4 Montefiore or \$17,000 at another New York City
5 hospital. And the new office would harness the
6 City's purchasing power to drive down skyrocketing
7 health care costs.
8

9 In 2017, our city spent over \$6 billion on public
10 sector employee, retiree, and dependent health care.
11 Today, that number is close ten percent of our city's
12 budget or about \$11 billion. It is simply
13 unsustainable.

14 A recent study by Local 32BJ noted that we could
15 potentially save up to \$2 billion by creating this
16 office. And other states that have enacted price
17 transparency, such as New Hampshire and California,
18 have seen enormous savings and reductions in their
19 health care costs. That is money that we could
20 allocate to affordable housing or education or other
21 critical needs.

22 I first of all want to thank the Speaker for her
23 support; I want to thank Health Chair Council Member
24 Lynn Schulman; Hospital's Chair Council Member
25 Mercedes Narcisse, the incredible Labor Coalition

2 that has supported this bill from the start, as well
3 as bill drafters Sara Sucher, Nick Widzowski, Nell
4 Beekman, Julia Goldsmith-Pinkham, and Mahnoor Butt,
5 Christopher Pepe, and Sara Liss, and from my team,
6 Anna Correa, Brandon Jordan, and Jonathan Szott for
7 their support, thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now
9 hear from Council Member Nurse, followed by Council
10 Member Stevens.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you. Hey,
12 Colleagues, hey pals, today as... What? I'm
13 excited, I'm excited. Today as thick smoke from
14 forest wildfires in Canada covers our city and
15 threatens our public health, we are preparing to pass
16 a monumental achievement in our beloved city, the
17 passage of the Zero Waste Act. With the passage of
18 this act, we are declaring and reaffirming our right
19 to a sustainable future.

20 I want to take a moment to express my deepest
21 gratitude to all the community organizers, activists,
22 and every day heroes who made this victory possible.
23 I want to recognize National Resources Defense Fund,
24 New York Lawyers for Public Interest, Triage, We Act,
25 Big Reuse, Lower East Side Ecology Center, El Puente,

1 BK ROT, and all of the solid waste advisory boards
2 across the boroughs.
3

4 I want to thank you Colleagues, this package of
5 bills has 42 co-sponsors on all five bills making it
6 the most cosponsored package this body has passed.
7 Shoutout to Council Member Sandra Ung, for signing on
8 yesterday. This is a clear commitment from us and
9 New Yorkers for climate and environmental justice.
10 And I am truly, truly so proud to be part of this
11 historic body with you all.

12 A good waste system is not simply a matter of
13 convenience, but a matter of environmental justice
14 and equity. And this legislation will reach far
15 beyond the boundaries of our city. These bills are
16 an act of real solidarity with communities that are
17 fighting for clean air and water like in New Jersey,
18 Pennsylvania, and upstate New York, where we send
19 millions and millions of pounds of waste every day.
20 It is the working class communities of color and
21 indigenous people who have borne the brunt of toxic
22 landfills, incinerators, and environmental racism.
23 And this act is a rightful step towards healing the
24 wounds inflicted by decades of environmental
25 degradation. It is imperative that New York City,

2 with action at the state level, move from the linear
3 exploitative model of extraction, production, and
4 disposal and embrace a circular economy that values
5 regeneration, sustainability, and justice.

6 I want to express my gratitude to Annel Hernandez
7 for leading the [TIMER CHIMES] research and
8 negotiations, from our staff side, the staff of
9 Council Member Powers and Council Member Hanif, Jeff
10 Baker, Brad, Ricky, Andrew, our new committee
11 counsel, Morganne, and of course, thank you to
12 Speaker Adams for throwing your full weight behind
13 this package. Thank you so much for all of your
14 work, and I ask for your support on these bills
15 today.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
17 congratulations.

18 We will now hear from Council Member Stevens,
19 followed by Council Member Rivera.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Today we are voting on
21 two bills sponsored by myself, to expand the
22 reporting service for runaway and homeless youth.
23 Introduction 976 will require the Department of
24 Homeless Services and The Department of Youth and
25 Community Development to report quarterly on the

1
2 LGBTQ+ homeless persons who receive DHS or DYCD
3 services -- as well as the number of shelter beds
4 reserved for such persons. The data will empower the
5 Council to pinpoint the number of LGBTQ+ identified
6 persons served by the homeless system, so that we can
7 take steps to identify their needs and expand
8 services to this often marginalized group.

9 Introduction 977 would require drop-in centers to
10 participate in the streamlined intake process for
11 youths aging or timing out of shelters operated or
12 funded by the Department of Youth and Community
13 Development, and who intend to transfer to adult
14 shelters.

15 Advocates report that it takes up to 21 days to
16 identify a shelter bed in an adult system. This bill
17 would enable drop-in centers to conduct the intake
18 process so that young people can remain in the
19 Runaway and Homeless Youth Services system until they
20 identify an available bed within DHS.

21 I am proud that we are advancing these bills and
22 calling attention to the needs of our City's most
23 vulnerable youth. The Runaway and Homeless Youth
24 Services system is under sourced and overlooked.

2 Currently, there are only 60 beds for homeless young
3 people aged 21 to 24 in New York City.

4 At the Youth Services Committee Hearing in April,
5 we heard passionate testimony from youth and
6 advocates about how the demand for beds exceeds the
7 limited supply, and that growing demand for shelters
8 is compounded by the influx migrant youth, and the
9 City's obstructive, absurd directive banning of young
10 people sleeping in drop-in centers. The Runaway and
11 Homeless Youth Services system is facing multiple
12 crises, and our young people need our help.

13 We celebrate the advancement of this legislation
14 today, and we look forward to expanding more bold
15 legislative actions in the Committee so that we can
16 help runaway and homeless youth [TIMER CHIMES].

17 I would like to thank the staffers for all of
18 their hard work, and I hope all of my colleagues will
19 vote yes today, thank you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Sorry, my
21 microphone was not working.

22 We will now hear from Council Member Rivera,
23 followed by Council Member Narcisse.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you so much,
25 Majority Leader.

1 The legislation we are voting on today, my bill,
2 will serve populations that are uniquely vulnerable
3 in our City's jails. Women and gender expansive
4 individuals, including transgender, gender
5 nonconforming, non-binary and intersex people. These
6 populations are especially likely to suffer from
7 prior abuse and trauma, which can precipitate other
8 mental health problems -- 70 percent are care givers,
9 and incarceration has profoundly negative
10 consequences for their children and families.

12 At jail intake, as many as 25 percent of women
13 and gender expansive people reported that they were
14 homeless before being jailed or had nowhere to go
15 upon release. Coordinated reentry planning greatly
16 impacts a detained individual's reintegration into
17 society and can reduce recidivism rates.

18 My bill, Introduction 831-A, creates a
19 centralized resource navigator program to assist
20 women and gender expansive individuals in DOC custody
21 in locating available and appropriate reentry
22 services.

23 I want to acknowledge the TGNCNBI Taskforce,
24 which has worked tirelessly to review the DOC policies
25 and make recommendations to improve the treatment and

1 housing of transgender, gender nonconforming, non-
2 binary and intersex individuals in custody. Thank
3 you for your service to ensure that everyone is
4 treated with the dignity and respect that they
5 deserve.

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7 To close Rikers Island on schedule, in 2027, we
8 must be diligent in reducing the jail population and
9 ending the cycle of recidivism. With innovative
10 policies, like the establishment of a Resource
11 Navigation Program, this goal is in entirety within
12 our grasp.

13 Thank you to committee staff, and of course, my
14 team, in helping to draft this bill and getting it to
15 this final stage. I am proud to carry this
16 legislation, and I urge my colleagues to vote aye,
17 thank you.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will now
19 hear from Council Member Narcisse, and Batting Clean-
20 up, Council Member Krishnan.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, Majority
22 Leader Powers, and Speaker Adrienne Adams, and the
23 team that makes it possible for me... under the
24 leadership of Jeff Baker, Jeremy Johns, and all of
25 the team, thank you.

1 As a nurse, it brings me great happiness to speak
2 today and vote to pass two bills, which will increase
3 access to health care and help close health care
4 equity gaps.
5

6 Health is wealth, so if health care is not
7 affordable to all New Yorkers, our system is failing.
8 Something is critically wrong when patients have to
9 fight for their lives and hospitals are fighting for
10 their [INAUDIBLE].

11 Health care is too damn high and hospital bills
12 are too damn high in New York City. So, that is why
13 I am proud to work with my colleagues including
14 sponsors Council Member Julie Menin, and Health
15 Committee Chair, Council Member Lynn Schulman to pass
16 this bill. This is saving money and saving our city
17 health care infrastructure.

18 Introduction 996-A, we must provide New Yorkers
19 with every affordable recourse to combat
20 hypertension, which effects about one in four New
21 Yorkers, with higher numbers for Black and Latino
22 communities. Many people with hypertension don't
23 experience any symptoms, that is why we call the
24 silent killer. As a former ER triage nurse, I know
25 firsthand that we must diagnose before we can treat.

2 By placing automated self-administered blood pressure
3 testing machines in public places, we will help
4 educate New Yorkers about their blood pressure and
5 make it more comfortable to talk about, thus
6 providing a potentially lifesaving resource to many.

7 I am pleased that as a City Council member, I am
8 taking this step to pass Introduction 996 to increase
9 access to sphygmomanometers, which will help save
10 lives and have an immediate impact on the health care
11 of many New Yorkers. So, thank you, everyone who
12 worked with me to make this possible, thank you.

13 [TIMER CHIMES]

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

15 We are going to hear from Council Member
16 Krishnan, and Council Member Hanif to follow.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Thank you so much.
18 Majority Leader.

19 In January of this year, America watched in
20 horror as Buffalo Bills' safety, Damar Hamlin,
21 collapsed onto the field, moments after making a
22 routine tackle, during a game against the Cincinnati
23 Bengals. Hamlin, 24 years old and in peak physical
24 health, had suffered from sudden cardiac arrest.

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2 Thankfully, he has fully recovered, and I just saw
3 him earlier this week practicing with the Bills.

4 As Demar's story makes clear; however, AEDs save
5 lives. Unfortunately, they are not as readily
6 accessible for everyone as they were for him. That
7 is why I am proud, as we mark the end CPR and AED
8 Awareness Week, I am proud to have led the passage of
9 The Heart Act that we are voting on today,
10 Introduction 814-A, which will help more New Yorkers
11 find AEDs to save the lives of their friends, family,
12 and neighbors.

13 Heart Disease is a leading cause of death in New
14 York City, claiming hundreds of our loved ones every
15 year. But, by making AEDs easily assessable for all
16 New Yorkers with all information available as to
17 their locations and whether they are up to date in
18 terms of their maintenance -- by doing that across
19 the City, we can and will prevent countless deaths
20 from cardiac arrests.

21 I would like recognize and give a special thank
22 you to my friend and constituent, Sumana
23 Harihareswara, who is here in the gallery, who I
24 would ask to stand please? Thank you, Sumana, for
25 your work and your advocacy. Sumana's father had

1 passed away because of a heart attack in 2010. But,
2 she has been a champion for AED accessibility and the
3 inspiration behind the introduction and passage of
4 this bill.

5
6 I would also like to thank Speaker Adams and
7 Health Chair, Council Member Lynn Schulman for
8 prioritizing this issue -- this critical issue -- of
9 public health in our City Council; to Chris Pepe and
10 The Health Committee staff for all their work in
11 shepherding this legislation forward; to my staff,
12 Greg Clark, Chanel Martinez, and Chuck Park; and to
13 the American Heart Association for their joint
14 advocacy on this issue; a finally, a special thank
15 you to Majority Leader Chuck Schumer for our
16 partnership together on the federal and city level,
17 uh, to make sure that legislation for increasing AED
18 access passes [TIMER CHIMES] here in New York City
19 and in Washington D.C. I would urge all of my
20 colleagues to vote yes on this important bill. Thank
21 you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

23 And, finally, we will hear from Council Member
24 Hanif.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you, good afternoon,
2 hi all, I am on *the Zoom* today.
3

4 I share in excitement with my colleague, Council
5 Member Nurse. Thank you so much to Speaker Adams and
6 Chair Nurse for getting Intro 244-A on today's agenda
7 and for your partnership on this bill over this past
8 year. I want to express gratitude to the 42 sponsors
9 of this bill, especially the 12 co-prime sponsors. I
10 also want to thank DSNY and CLA for the collaboration
11 in getting this bill across the finish line. And I
12 need to shout out to the Progressive Caucus who have
13 been avid champions of the Zero Waste Act.

14 Right now, more than a third of all trash that
15 New Yorkers produce is organic waste. Currently the
16 vast majority of this waste is either incinerated --
17 predominantly in communities of color -- which
18 creates terrible health impacts, or it rots in
19 landfills while emitting methane, a greenhouse gas 25
20 times destructive than carbon dioxide. As we have
21 seen over the past few days, the climate crisis is
22 here, and we must take action now.

23 This bill will create a citywide curbside
24 composting program for residential buildings,
25 diverting organic waste away from incineration and

1
2 landfills, towards productive uses like nourishing
3 our city's soil or heating our homes. Collections
4 will be mandatory weekly and year-round, allowing us
5 to reach the needed environmental impact to meet the
6 climate crisis and achieve economic efficiencies that
7 will help the City financially. In order to ensure
8 that New Yorkers have the information they need to
9 participate properly, the bill requires DSNY to
10 implement a language accessible and culturally
11 competent outreach and education campaign.

12 I want to close by thanking the countless
13 advocates who have been instrumental in advancing
14 this bill including Triage, React, NRDC, 350BK,
15 Sunrise, NYCLV, and countless more.

16 I want to thank Alex Liao, Michael Whitesides,
17 Nora Brickner, Musarrat Lamia, and Hannah Henderson-
18 Charnow from my team, and Annel Hernandez from Chair
19 Nurse's team, and Hayley Brundige and Ben Jacobs from
20 Council Member Powers' team, Brad Reid, Audrey Son,
21 Ricky Chawla, Malak Nassereddine, and Kristoffer
22 Sartori from the Council's Legislative Division, and
23 Emily Maher from the Progressive Caucus...(CROSS-
24 TALK)

25 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time has expired.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: we could not have done this
3 without you all.

4 I encourage my colleagues to vote yes. Thank
5 you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

7 And seeing no one else signed up for General
8 Orders, we will now move into the Report of Special
9 Committees.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Reports of Standing
12 Committees?

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
14 Criminal Justice Introduction 831-A, citywide
15 resource navigator?

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
17 Orders.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
19 Finance, Introduction 935-A, Flatbush and Church
20 Avenue Bids?

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
22 Orders.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered Resolution 661,
24 discount percentage?

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered L U 212 and
3 Resolution 672 through Preconsidered L U 229 and
4 Resolution 689 on page 5, tax exemptions?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of The Committee on Health,
7 Introduction 96-A, vision testing for low-income
8 individuals?

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
10 Orders.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Introduction 325-A, emergency
12 rooms and pediatric trauma centers?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on general
14 orders.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Introduction 814-A, automated
16 external defibrillators?

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
18 Orders.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Introduction 975-A,
20 cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses?

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
22 Orders.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Introduction 996-A, access to
24 blood pressure machines?

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2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
3 Orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
5 Hospitals, Office of Healthcare Accountability?

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
7 Orders.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of The Committee on
9 Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Intro 244-A,
10 organics collection?

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
12 Orders.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Introductions 274-A and 275-A,
14 zero divertible waste?

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
16 Orders.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Introduction 280-A, community
18 recycling centers?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
20 Orders.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro 281-B, organic waste drop
22 off sites?

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
24 Orders.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on State
3 and Federal Legislation, Preconsidered M 158 through
4 Preconsidered SLR 18, various Home Rule Messages?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Youth
7 Services, Introduction 976-A, LGBTQ+ homeless
8 population reporting?

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
10 Orders.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Introduction 977, intake process
12 for runaway and homeless youth?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 I now ask that the clerk take a roll call vote on
15 all of the items coupled on today's General Orders
16 Calendar.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Permission to explain my
19 vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: As Chair of the New York
22 City Fire and Emergency Management Committee, I am
23 especially honored to be part of the passing of Home
24 Rules, which will make S5678, A7414, S7289-A, and
25 A7679 law in the City. The passing of these home

2 rules ensures that our members of the FDNY and their
3 families will be taken care of in the event of a
4 tragedy. Their loved ones will be taken care of
5 after they are gone, as well as their illnesses
6 received from on the job hazards be properly
7 recognized.

8 With that, I vote aye on all, with the exception
9 of Introduction 244-A and M 159, thank you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

11 Council Member Avilés?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Barron?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Explain my vote?

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I know this is going to
19 bring tears to your eyes, but I will have no further
20 comments in this meeting out of respect for those of
21 you who put our health risks (sic) on the line and
22 showed up in person. I would just like to encourage
23 you to stay in if... when you do go home, you go
24 home as soon as possible. This is a very serious
25 situation. Do put on a mask if you must be out.

2 But, out of respect for you showing up, I will not
3 prolong this meeting any longer. And I am sure there
4 are some tissues available for you at the Council to
5 wipe your tears, because you're not gonna hear from
6 Barron today.

7 But, in all due seriousness, get home safely, and
8 I vote aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council Member
10 Barron. We wish you well.

11 Council Member Bottcher?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brannon?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: [INAUDIBLE]

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brannan votes
16 aye, thank you.

17 Council Member Brewer?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye, and I am here,
19 and I am the same age as Barron, thank you.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

22 Congratulations to everyone passing their bills.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Carr?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I vote no on Introduction
3 244-A, and M 159, and aye on the rest.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

5 Council Member De La Rosa?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Permission to vote on
7 all Land Use Call-Ups and all items on the General
8 Order Calendar?

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all. And
11 congratulations to all the colleagues, thanks.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

15 Council Member Farías?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Permission to explain my
19 vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I want to congratulate
22 colleague, Julie Menin, on the Health Care
23 Accountability Act. Health care costs are through
24 the roof, and we need to take action to resolve
25 unreasonable costs. The Health Care Accountability

1 Act is an important step that will help us save
2 approximately \$2 billion per year in health care
3 costs. \$2 billion. Now, I think all of us can agree
4 that there are two billion things that we can do with
5 those \$2 billion, including modernizing our schools,
6 modernizing our parks, modernizing NYCHA, fixing our
7 roads, and paying workers the wages that they
8 deserve. So, I want to congratulate our colleague,
9 Council Member Julie Menin, great bill, and I look
10 forward to seeing the positive outcomes from that
11 bill.
12

13 And I also want to congratulate my neighboring
14 colleague... Uh, my neighboring Council Member,
15 Althea Stevens as well as Council Members Carlina
16 Rivera, and Sandy Nurse, on their good bills that are
17 going to help resolve challenges that vulnerable
18 populations face, thank you.

19 Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

21 Council Member Gennaro?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye, and Council
23 Member Sandy Nurse is a hero. There you go. I vote
24 aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: I vote aye on all.
3 Congratulations, Julie and Sandy!

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

7 Council Member Hanks?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Holden?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all, with the
11 exception of M 159, of which I vote no.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.
13 Council Member Hudson?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

18 Council Member Kagan?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Permission to explain my
20 vote?

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: I am planning to vote
23 against M 159, that basically is extending the City's
24 power to impose certain tax rates and multiple taxes

2 on individual New Yorkers and various businesses like
3 beauty services and gym services, et cetera.

4 At the time of growing inflation, it is our
5 obligation to help New Yorkers to lower their taxes,
6 to lower tolls, to lower the fares, to lower the fees
7 instead of keeping them high or increasing them. So,
8 I am voting nay on M 159 and Introduction 244-A, and
9 I am voting aye on everything else.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

11 Council Member Krishnan?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Lee?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Louis?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Permission to explain my
17 vote?

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Speaker Adams,
20 and Majority Leader, I vote aye on all.

21 As we prepare to commemorate the Juneteenth
22 holiday next week, I would like to quickly make a
23 plug for our package of Juneteenth bills: 1073, 1082,
24 1085, 214, and 296. I want to thank my colleagues,
25 Council Members Williams, Hudson, Barron, Stevens,

2 and Nurse on their leadership and partnership on our
3 Juneteenth package being introduced today.

4 Generations of oppression requires studies into
5 the generations of harm. The harm is oppression
6 driven enslavement. I encourage all of my colleagues
7 to sign onto these bills, thank you.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

9 Council Member Marte?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Menin?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all. And I want to
15 congratulate my colleagues on their Zero Waste
16 Package.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Moya?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

20 Council Member Narcisse?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Permission to explain my
22 vote for one second?

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: One second.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Okay, I want to say
25 thank you to the American Heart Association who

2 really helped me a lot and Sara Sucher, and Mahnoor,
3 and congratulations to my colleague, Julie Menin, who
4 worked hard on this bill, and thank you to all of the
5 waste bills, and Council Member Stevens. There are
6 great bills here! So, thank you to Madam Speaker for
7 allowing us to move through the city and to make it a
8 place where we can live, work, and enjoy.

9 Thank you, and be careful, listen to Charles
10 Barron.

11 And I vote aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

13 Council Member Nurse?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye. And, just,
15 uhm, congratulations to Council Member Menin on this
16 important health care bill.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all.

19 Congratulations to all of my colleagues.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote aye on all except
22 for, uh, M 159 and also on, uh, 244-A.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

24 Council Member Restler?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye on all. And I just
3 want to especially commend my colleagues who worked
4 on the Zero Waste package. It is really exciting.
5 And the Health Care Accountability legislation from
6 Council Member Menin, is a big deal. So, congrats to
7 all.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Richardson
9 Jordon?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: I vote aye. I
11 vote aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thak you.
13 Council Member Riley?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Congratulations to my
17 colleagues. I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: (ABSENT)

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Hello, permission to
22 explain my vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Okay, [INAUDIBLE] okay,
25 Sorry, congratulations to all of my colleagues. I

2 vote aye on all, with the exception of Preconsidered
3 Land Use 225... 214 through 225, on which I abstain
4 as I do further due diligence on Article XI
5 applications that these [INAUDIBLE] have within my
6 district. Thank you.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.
8 Council Member Schulman?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Permission to briefly
10 explain my vote?

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead... (CROSS-TALK)

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: I want to... I want to
13 congratulate everyone today on their package of
14 bills, particularly Julie Menin on her hospital
15 accountability and transparency legislation, which I
16 am a co-prime sponsor on, and to Sandy Nurse for her
17 organic waste legislation.

18 And I just want to say, because of all of the
19 bills that are passing today, that New York City will
20 be a healthier place.

21 And, with that, I vote aye on all.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.
23 Council Member Stevens?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all, and Happy
25 Pride, everyone.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ung?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Velázquez?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vernikov?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all, except I
8 vote no on Intro 244-A and M 159, thank you.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

10 Council Member Williams?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Permission to explain my
12 vote?

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: As we approach
15 Juneteenth, I am thrilled to be a part of a package
16 of bills seeking truth, reconciliation, and, yes, we
17 hope reparations.

18 Thank you to my colleagues who are leading this
19 effort, Council Members Nurse, Hudson, Louis, Barron,
20 and Stevens. I urge everyone to sign onto the bills
21 in the package. And a special shout out to all the
22 staff who worked tirelessly to get these done,
23 Jessica, Jessie, CJ, Brenda, Elliot, Wesley, and of
24 course Jeff Baker.

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2 And, last but not least, thank... Uh, congrats
3 to Council Members Menin and Nurse. Thank you. I
4 vote aye, did I say that already? I vote aye...

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yes, thank you, Council Member.
6 Council Member Won?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all, thank you.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all, with the
10 exception of M 159, Introductions 958, 244, 280, and
11 281, thank you.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.
13 Council Member Borelli?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: A moment of indulgence,
15 Mr. Majority Leader?

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: You are indulged.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Thank you.

18 I want to point everyone's attention to an
19 article that was just recently posted to the BBC.
20 World's most expensive cities: New York and Singapore
21 on top list.

22 I can't do anything about Singapore, but we can
23 do something here about New York. And that is why I
24 will be voting against M 159 today.

1 And, by the way, I'm sorry, this is my son, John.
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3 I think hopefully we don't have an Andrew Giuliani
4 moment. Andrew is my friend, I say that in kindness.

5 But, New York City is now the most expensive the
6 city. Just 16 hours ago, CNBC and other news outlets
7 said, New York is now the most expensive city for
8 expats, people who are citizens of foreign countries
9 who are coming here to live. And, yet, we are
10 passing what would be an extension of some of the
11 highest taxes in the country, uh, specifically the
12 income tax. For those of you who may not be aware,
13 New York City is one the few municipalities in the
14 country with an income tax. And we have had that for
15 many years, because property taxes were very low.
16 Very low comparable to our neighboring states and
17 jurisdictions. Mayor Bloomberg, and some of our
18 predecessors here in this room, no one here was there
19 then, decided to almost double the effective property
20 tax rate on all of our constituents. That affects
21 homes. That affects condos. That affects co-ops,
22 and that affects renters. Some of the affordability
23 crisis we have today in housing is the direct result
24 of these tax implications.

2 So, I would hope in the future that we do more
3 deliberation on giving Albany this authority to pass
4 taxes that continue... some of the highest tax rates
5 in the country, in an unfortunate situation, where we
6 do live in a city with an affordability crisis.

7 So, thank you... Oh, I vote aye on all with the
8 exception of M 159 and Intro 244, thanks.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I vote aye, and I want to
11 give a special congratulations to Council Member
12 Nurse and Council Member Hanif on the Zero Waste
13 package, which I am proud to be a part of today. I
14 want to thank them and the staff here, and their
15 staff for their very hard work to get that over the
16 finish line. And thank you to the Speaker and
17 everyone else for bringing that forward and getting
18 us to the finish line on that as well.

19 And I vote aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Adams?

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Congratulations to colleagues
22 Council Member Julie Menin, and Council Member Sandy
23 Nurse and her entire Committee, our staff for working
24 very, very hard to eliminate waste in the city of New
25 York. Congratulations to all of my colleagues

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2 passing amazing legislation today. I vote aye on
3 all.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All items on today's
5 General Orders Calendar are adopted by a vote of 50
6 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero
7 abstentions, with the exception of Introduction 244-
8 A, which was adopted by a vote of 43 in the
9 affirmative, seven in the negative, and zero
10 abstentions. And 159, adopted by a vote of 42 in the
11 affirmative, eight in the negative, and zero
12 abstentions; and Land Use items 214 to 225 and
13 accompanying resolutions, adopted by a vote of 49 in
14 the affirmative, zero in the negative, and one
15 abstention; and Intro 280-A adopted by a vote of 49
16 in the affirmative, one in the negative, and zero
17 abstentions; Introduction 281-B, adopted by a vote of
18 49 in the affirmative, one negative, and zero
19 abstentions; and Introduction 958-A adopted by a vote
20 of 49 in the affirmative, one in the negative, and
21 zero abstentions.

22 And I want to announce a revised Land Use Call-up
23 vote, which is 46 in the affirmative and zero in the
24 negative.

2 We will now move to the Introduction and Reading
3 of Bills.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been referred to
5 committees as indicated on today's agenda.

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

7 We are now going to move into the Discussion of
8 Resolutions.

9 Do we have anyone signed up to... I see we have
10 Joe's son signed up to discuss a resolution.

11 Seeing none, we are going to now have a voice
12 vote on today's resolution. If you wish to vote
13 against or abstain from today's resolution, please
14 notify the Legislative Documents Unit by email or by
15 approaching the dais before the vote.

16 I will now read the resolution into the record.

17 Resolution 512, calling on the New York State
18 legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
19 legislation to create an independent Commission to
20 oversee hospital services pricing for the purpose of
21 increasing access to hospital services, promoting
22 financial stability for hospitals, and lowering
23 healthcare costs for New Yorkers.

24 Will those in favor please say aye?

25 [AYE]

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed, please say
3 nay? Any abstentions... (CROSS-TALK)

4 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE]...

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

6 The ayes have it.

7 We will now move into General Discussion. We
8 have four members signed up. We will first start
9 with... (CROSS-TALK)

10 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE]

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member Kagan,
12 followed by Council Member Cabán.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Thank you.

14 This week I attended a public hearing for The
15 Committee on Fire and Emergency Management chaired by
16 Council Member Joann Ariola, about promotional
17 opportunities for EMS workers. It is completely
18 unacceptable that the starting salaries of EMS
19 workers, in June of 2023 in New York City, is \$39,000
20 a year. We are talking about EMS heroes who are
21 saving lives every day and helped countless New
22 Yorkers during pandemic. We have a moral obligation
23 not just to raise the maximum age of EMS workers who
24 would be eligible for promotional fire fighter exams,
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2 but also to raise their starting salary. They
3 deserve it. Thank you so much.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

5 We will now go to Council Member Cabán, followed
6 by Council Member Krishnan, and lastly Council Member
7 Brewer.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you very much.

9 Today, alongside Public Advocate Jumaane
10 Williams, and my LGBTQIA+ Caucus co-chair, Council
11 Member Hudson, I am introducing Introduction 1068-
12 2023, to provide for the rights, protection, and
13 economic security of some of our most marginalized,
14 most criminalized, and most disrespected neighbors,
15 New Yorkers who engage in sex work.

16 In places like Australia and New Zealand,
17 governments have taken this politically thorny issue
18 and have established smart, compassionate, evidence
19 based, and human rights affirming legal frameworks
20 around sex work. And it is time for us to take a
21 first step in the same direction. It feels
22 especially appropriate to introduce this legislation
23 in Pride Month as sex work constitutes one of the
24 essential planks of the LGBTQIA+ Caucus' first of its
25 kind Marsha and Sylvia Plan. And as the Marsha and

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2 Sylvia Plan notes: Whether a given person engages in
3 sex work owing to economic desperation, and a lack of
4 other employment options, or because they make good
5 money, create their own schedule, and find it
6 empowering, the City has a responsibility to protect
7 the health, safety, and economic well-being of all
8 New Yorkers regardless of what they do for a living.

9 And, let's be clear, sex work is work. Among
10 other provisions, Introduction 1068 would prohibit
11 housing discrimination against a prospective tenant
12 on the basis of current or past sex work. It would
13 create board within DCWP tasked with ensuring that
14 sex workers know their rights in relation to specific
15 workplace issues that they are particularly likely to
16 face such as wage left. It would establish a program
17 for awarding grants to community organizations that
18 work directly with sex workers to provide economic
19 support for mobility, health, housing, and social
20 well-being.

21 These are common sense, cost effective strategies
22 for making a New York with greater economic
23 prosperity, greater public safety, and public health,
24 more racial and gender equity, and more care and
25 compassion. And I am excited to speak more about

2 this vital legislation in the coming weeks and
3 months, thanks, ya'll.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

5 We will now hear from Council Member Krishnan,
6 followed by Council Member Brewer.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Taxi workers are some of
8 the most essential workers in our city. In my
9 district of Jackson Heights and Elmhurst, I am proud
10 that we have the largest population of driver
11 residents in all of New York City. They are my
12 neighbors, fellow parents, and friends. I see their
13 cars parked on the side of the street, I see them
14 eating at our restaurants, walking their kids to
15 school with me, and praying at our local masjids.

16 However, despite being essential workers, unfair
17 deactivations of drivers from billion dollar for-hire
18 vehicle companies don't just cut into the income of
19 drivers, they strand them with tens of thousands of
20 dollars of debt. They also harm an entire community
21 -- my community -- and so many others across this
22 city. That is why I am proud today to be introducing
23 Introduction 1078 to end the unfair and wrongful
24 deactivation of high-volume for-hire vehicle drivers
25 in this city; and Introduction 1079, to make sure

2 that e-hails by drivers are paid at the same rate as
3 street-hails as well. I am proud to be leading this
4 next fight for our taxi workers with the New York
5 Taxi Workers Alliance and co-sponsors Council Members
6 Shahana Hanif and Council Member Linda Lee. At my
7 side, I know that together we will win, because
8 always, driver power; union power. Thank you

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

10 Finally, we will hear from Council Member Gale
11 Brewer.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much.

13 I want to thank Council Member Krishnan and
14 others regarding trees, and I hope that people will
15 support Introduction 1066, which would require the
16 Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability to
17 consider the role of trees, tree canopy, and
18 vegetation in its long-term sustainability planning.

19 And I think it mirrors and works with the bill
20 that the Chair has suggested, along with Council
21 Member Bottcher to create an Urban Forest Master
22 Plan.

23 Number two, I just want to bring to people's
24 attention that tomorrow we are doing a hearing in
25 Oversight and Investigations about the Erie Basin

2 Storage Facility fire. But, when we did the
3 investigation, thanks to the amazing staff at ONI, we
4 are also learning that there are a lot of warehouse
5 issues in our city, and I think we should pay a lot
6 of attention to them.

7 And, third, I want to thank everyone who signed
8 the letter to the President trying to get support for
9 migrants being able to work in our city and in our
10 country. Almost everybody signed it. And I hope
11 that when the Speaker went to Washington and helped,
12 I think that everyone should understand as much as we
13 do, that that is what is what is needed.

14 Yesterday, some of us were at the Lincoln State
15 Facility, which is on 110th Street, many, many
16 migrants men are housed there, supposedly
17 temporarily, but I don't know what temporarily means
18 anymore. And all they want to do is work. And we
19 have got to figure out how they can do that. Thank
20 you very much.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

22 I am now going to call Speaker Adrienne Adams to
23 close out today's Stated Meeting.

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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader, the
Stated Meeting of June 8, 2023 is hereby adjourned.

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